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Filing Date:	06/12/2001	Applicant:	Noel Verbiest
Examiner:	NGUYEN, DANNY	Art Unit:	2836
Title:	**METHOD OF MONITORING ESC LEVELS AND PROTECTIVE DEVICES UTILIZING THE METHOD**		

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that a three month extension of time is required, and hereby petitions for same. Moreover, a conditional petition is hereby made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for further extension of time.

4. FEE FOR CLAIMS: The fee for claims has been calculated as follows:

Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra
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No additional fee for claims is required.

5. FEE PAYMENT: Authorization is hereby given to charge the extension fee of $475 to deposit account number 11-1245.

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6. Certificate of Mailing (37 CFR 1.8a): I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Respectfully submitted,

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